

Board Minutes December 18, 2017

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board 20 Education Court, P.O. Box 2558 Hamilton, ON L8N 3L1

Trustees: Kathy Archer, Jeff Beattie, Christine Bingham, Penny Deathe, Danko, Wes Hicks, Alex Johnstone, Ray Mulholland, Larry Pattison (electronically), Greg Van Geffen, Todd White. Student Trustees Morghen Jael and Ruby Hye.

1. Call to Order

Todd White, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. Delegations

A. Jillian Harris re: Collegiate Ave School

Jillian Harris is a parent and resident of Olde Town Stoney Creek. She shared that they were hoping for a new build not an addition to the current school. She spoke of the current condition of Collegiate Ave School and the challenge with the layout of the proposed addition due to inadequate parking, the lack of clear access to the building, the additional traffic especially due to the increased enrolment and closure of the other two school.

Olde Town Stoney Creek Community Association re: Collegiate Ave School Kristen shared how HWDSB has failed the community and spoke of the lack of communication with the Community. They are looking for communication with the Community. She shared why public commitment is important and would like to know what the addition and renovations will include.

3. Approval of the Agenda:

<u>RESOLUTION #17-196:</u> Trustee Hicks, seconded by Trustee Archer, moved: That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Jael and Hye voted in favour

4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None.

5. Confirmation of the Minutes – December 4, 2017

The minutes of December 4, 2017 were confirmed.

6. Correspondence received re: Collegiate Avenue Elementary School

<u>RESOLUTION #17-197:</u> Trustee Beattie, seconded by Trustee Van Geffen, moved: **That the correspondence** be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Jael and Hye voted in favour

Reports from Trustee Special Committees

7. Human Resources Committee – November 30, 2017

<u>RESOLUTION #17-198:</u> Trustee Deathe, seconded by Trustee Johnstone, moved: That the report of the Human Resources Committee – November 30, 2017 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Jael and Hye voted in favour

Trustee White resumed the Chair's position.

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8. Policy Committee – December 6, 2017

<u>RESOLUTION #17-199:</u> Trustee Bingham, seconded by Trustee Van Geffen, moved: **That the report of the Policy Committee – December 6, 2017 be received.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Mulholland was out of the room for the vote Student Trustees Jael and Hye voted in favour

9. Finance and Facilities Committee – December 6, 2017

Trustee Beattie requested that Collegiate Ave Capital Project and French Immersion Boundary Review – East Hamilton and Lower Stoney Creek (items A & C) be voted on separately.

<u>RESOLUTION #17-200:</u> Trustee Van Geffen, seconded by Trustee Hicks, moved: That the remainder of the Finance and Facilities Committee – December 6, 2017 report be approved including the elementary and secondary French Immersion boundaries for Ancaster, Dundas and Flamborough for the 2018/2019 school year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Jael and Hye voted in favour

Collegiate Elementary School Capital Project (Item A)

Amendment to the original motion:

<u>RESOLUTION #17-201:</u> Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Beattie, moved: That staff engage with the Ministry and look at the possibility to hold the six million dollars for the purpose of resubmitting the business case and if this is not approved by January 31, 2018 then the original motion will move forward.

This amendment **CARRIED** on the following division of votes:

In Favour: (9) Trustees Archer, Beattie, Bingham, Danko, Deathe, Johnstone, Mulholland, Pattison and White. Student Trustees Jael and Hye voted in favour.

Opposed: (2) Trustees Hicks and Van Geffen

To the original motion as amended,

<u>RESOLUTION #17-202:</u> Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Beattie, moved: That staff engage with the Ministry and look at the possibility of holding the six million dollars for the purpose of resubmitting the business case and if this is not approved by January 31, 2018 then the original motion will move forward.

That the Board proceed with the project as funded by the Ministry: a 213 pupil place addition to the existing Collegiate Elementary School to support the consolidation of Green Acres Public School and R.L. Hyslop Public Schools,

- a) with a commitment to a phased design approach and financial monitoring updates to the Finance and Facilities Committee to ensure the project is feasible, based on scope and budget and:
- b) with a commitment to a public engagement process on the proposed design wit the first meeting to be held by December 22, 2017.

The amended motion **CARRIED** on the following division of votes:

In Favour: (10) Trustees Archer, Beattie, Bingham, Danko, Deathe, Johnstone, Pattison, Van Geffen and White. Student Trustees Jael and Hye voted in favour.

Opposed: (1) Trustee Mulholland

French Immersion Boundary Review - East Hamilton and Lower Stoney Creek (LSC) (Item C)

RESOLUTION #17-203: Trustee Van Geffen, seconded by Trustee Beattie, moved: That the French Immersion programs at Glen Echo (grades 1-5) and Glen Brae (grade 6-8) be relocated to Parkdale (grades 1-5) and W.H. Ballard (grades 6-8) and A.M. Cunningham (grade 1-5) and the new school on Eastdale (grades 1-8) be approved based on the boundaries and move the Sir Wilfrid Laurier English catchment into the Parkdale / W. H. Ballard French Immersion Stream.

Further, Grade 1 French Immersion is to begin at Parkdale and Green Acres (while Eastdale is being constructed) for September 2018 and that staff engage with affected school communities and return to trustees with a transition plan for current grade 1-7 students at Glen Brae and Glen Echo.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Jael and Hye voted in favour

Reports from Legislated Committees

10. Special Education Advisory Committee - November 29, 2017

<u>RESOLUTION #17-204:</u> Trustee Deathe, seconded by Trustee Bingham, moved: That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee – November 29, 2017 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Jael and Hye voted in favour

Reports from Community Advisory Committees

11. Faith Community Advisory Committee - October 26, 2017

<u>RESOLUTION #17-205:</u> Trustee Beattie, seconded by Trustee Johnstone, moved: That the report of the Faith Community Advisory Committee – October 26, 2017 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Jael and Hye voted in favour

12. French as a Second Language Community Advisory Committee – November 29, 2017

RESOLUTION #17-206: Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Van Geffen, moved: That the report of the French as a Second Language Community Advisory Committee – November 29, 2017 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Beattie was out of the room for the vote Student Trustees Jael and Hye voted in favour

13. Resolution Into Committee of the Whole (Private Session)

<u>RESOLUTION #17-207</u>: Trustee Van Geffen, seconded by Trustee Bingham, moved: **That the Board move into Committee of the Whole (Private)**, this being done at 8:33 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Jael and Hye voted in favour

The open session resumed at 9:13 p.m. Trustee Pattison did not return to the meeting.

14. Committee of the Whole (private) December 18, 2017

<u>RESOLUTION #17-208</u>: Trustee Johnstone, seconded by Trustee Danko, moved: That the report of the Committee of the Whole (private) – December 18, 2017 be approved including:

That the Human Resources Committee report from November 30, 2017 be received

That the Finance & Facilities Committee report from December 6, 2017 be approved including a
matter related to the potential reciprocal agreement for the Dominic Agostino Riverdale
Community Hub Proposal with the City of Hamilton and a matter related to entering into
agreements with the City of Hamilton and the new Beverly Central & Greensville School Projects

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Mulholland was not present for the vote Student Trustees Jael and Hye voted in favour

15. Oral Reports:

A. Student Trustees' Report

Student Trustee Hye shared that they are looking for direction in establishing a senate Instagram account. They would like to do social media blasts and feel that they can widen the impact and reach more students. The Student Trustees have been talking about the potential for a constitution for both senates but primarily secondary senate in order to create a structure for senate laying the ground work for future senators to come. They are also working with Trustee Bingham to develop their approach to Board and senate meetings in order to bring items from Board to Senate in an organized and contextualized manner. At the Elementary Senate they have been doing a new activity called "word of the meeting" promoting positive culture and well-being in a very direct and open way allowing rich discussions to take place at their meetings.

Student Trustee Jael spoke of The Ontario Student, Parent and Educator Survey conducted by OSTA-AECO in 2016 and just recently published. A condensed version was shared with Trustees; however, the full version can be found on the OSTA-AECO website. The hope is that this report will be picked up provincially and provide guidance to our Board and all of the Boards across the Province. They will be bringing the results of the survey back to Senate for further discussion.

<u>RESOLUTION #17-209</u>: Trustee Van Geffen, seconded by Trustee Bingham, moved: **That the The Ontario** Student, Parent and Educator Survey be shared with the Program Committee for further discussion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Jael and Hye voted in favour

B. Director's Report

The Director's Annual Report will be coming out this week in a digital format. It reflects our Board's Strategic Direction priorities and the progress for 2016/2017 and what the actions are for 2017/2018. The Director shared that he recently went to Dr. Davey Elementary School and saw some of the great work that staff was doing with the Alpha classes and the English language learners around resiliency and what it resiliency means. In the middle school class newcomers were showing leadership by showing the buddy bench to the remainder of the school. At Nora Henderson the Director witnessed EA's and staff working with students in an after school program where nutrition was taught by creating meals with the students and then leftovers were taken home to share with their families along with the recipes and the knowledge learned. The Director ended by wishing all staff and Trustees a very happy holiday and asked that we keep those less fortunate in our thoughts and hearts.

C. Chair's Report

The Chair informed the Board that they are following the Ward boundary changes quite closely and when they have more definitive answers that will be brought back and shared in the New Year through the Governance Committee. He wished all staff and Trustees a great holiday.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.